

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A method of automating validation comprising:
  - defining requirements;
  - selecting automated devices for manufacturing;
  - integrating automated devices in a production line, wherein integrating the automated devices comprises interconnecting the automated devices to a hub-box via communication links, the hub-box controls and facilitates communication between automated devices;
  - collecting processing data from the automated devices by the hub-box for analysis;
  - analyzing processing data to determine whether the requirements are satisfied; and
  - validating the process if the requirements are satisfied.
- 2-11. (cancelled)
12. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprises providing a generic interface unit for facilitating communication between the hub-box and automated modules.
13. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein providing the generic interface unit comprises providing a generic interface for each automated module.
14. (original) The method of claim 13 wherein the generic interface includes communication links for each automated device of the automated module.

15. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein the generic interface includes communication links for each automated device of the automated module.

16-20. (cancelled).